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C O N F I D E N T I A L CITE NPIC 6296.

CONTINUING SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION RTC 905 OF 21 DECEMBER
1965 REVEALS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED STORAGE AREAS, NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION,
AND SOME UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN A KARST AREA WITHIN
A 1.0 NM RADIUS OF 2144N 10452E WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 2.3 NM NW
OF YEN BAI, NORTH VIETNAM.

A. ON [] THE AREA CONTAINED ISOLATED AREAS OF
CIVILIAN DWELLINGS, NUMEROUS RICE PADDY AREAS IN THE VALLEYS
BETWEEN THE KARST HILLS AND THREE ROAD SEGMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
AT UTM VK838040, UTM VK845027 AND UTM VK860015 EXTENDING TOWARD
THIS AREA FROM THE ROAD WHICH PARALLELS THE RAILLINE NORTH OF YEN
BAI (HANOI/LAO CAI RR).

B. SINCE [] THE THREE SHORT ROAD SEGMENTS HAVE BEEN
EXTENDED INTO THE AREA AND EXPANDED INTO AN INTRICATE ROAD NETWORK
WITH CONNECTING LINKS TO NUMEROUS RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED STORAGE
AREAS. PORTIONS OF THE ROAD NETWORK ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
AND SOME OF THE FINISHED PORTIONS HAVE BEEN CAMOUFLAGED BY VEGETA-
TION PLACED ALONG THE ROAD BED.

C. SERVED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED ROAD NETWORK ARE AT LEAST
285 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED SINCE

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[REDACTED] THESE BUILDINGS ARE WIDELY DISPERSED AND ARE NORMALLY LOCATED IN THE TREES AT THE BASE OF THE KARST HILLS. MANY OF THE BUILDINGS HAVE ASSOCIATED TRENCHES, FOX HOLES AND DEFENSE POSITIONS. AT LEAST TEN CAVES, SEVERAL STACKS OF BUILDING MATERIALS, AT LEAST 32 VEHICLES, AND NUMEROUS VEHICLE PARKING SLITS ALSO OBSERVED.

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D. EXTENSIVE NEW EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY, WHICH APPEARS AS A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO LEVEL SEVERAL KARST HILLS, OBSERVED FROM UTM VK851031 TO UTM VK856027. ONE LARGE AND SEVERAL MINOR DRAINAGE CANALS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO THE EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY. THE EXACT NATURE OF THIS CONSTRUCTION CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME. APPROXIMATELY 8 PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NOTED IN THE AREA.

E. NEWLY IDENTIFIED DEFENSE POSITIONS COMPRISING 11 LIGHT AAA SITES CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 22 OCCUPIED POSITIONS AND 21 UNOCCUPIED POSITIONS, 24 HMGAA SITES (THE OCCUPANCY OF WHICH IS UNDETERMINED), NUMEROUS FOXHOLES, PERSONNEL TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS NOTED THROUGHOUT AREA.

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